

REMARKS

Claims 13-15 are pending in this divisional Application. Claims 13-15 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the Application in view of the above clarifying amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

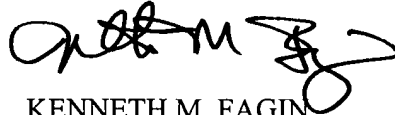
Addition to Specification As indicated in the Utility Patent Application Transmittal (copy enclosed) filed with this application, this application is a divisional of parent application serial number 09/941,545 (now issued as U.S. 6,767,471), and the contents of that parent application were incorporated by reference. In the preliminary amendment filed with this application, however, Applicant inadvertently neglected to amend the specification to so indicate, as required under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The present amendment corrects that omission.

Claim Amendments Independent claim 13 (and, accordingly, dependent claims 14 and 15) is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. The office action notes that the preamble recites “an installation for desalinating or purifying saline or otherwise polluted input water” and that the body of the claim then further recites “a desalination fractionation installation.” Therefore, according to the office action, it is not clear which installation is which.

Applicant has obviated any potential confusion by amending the preamble to recite more generally “Apparatus.” Claims 14 and 15 are amended accordingly. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

According to the office action, claims 13-15 would be allowed if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. In view of the clarifying amendment, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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